IN RECOGNITION OF "IMAM W. DEEN MOHAMMED"

WHEREAS, Imam W. Deen Mohammed, the son of Elijah Mohammed, has emerged as an important and respected voice promoting world peace, racial and religious dialogue, understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect for differences; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished service to his country and the cause of religious freedom has helped create positive change in the lives of people in America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, his advise to the United States Department of State has helped form American policy on the promotion of religious freedom and has substantially increased public awareness and support for this fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, for more than 27 years, he has remained a consistent voice calling people from localized, narrow views of life to universal truths, common to all people; and

WHEREAS, Imam Mohammed's leadership cultivates the innate growth of human excellence and good character through his strengthening and building valuable relationships with Faith communities and right-minded people; and

WHEREAS, Imam Mohammed is a role model in his commitment to building individual and family life, and in building a society rich in diversity and rooted in mutual respect, and in aiding mankind's strife toward that great destiny, ordained by our Creator, to be complete human beings.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2003 to be "IMAM W. DEEN MOHAMMED DAY" and urge all citizens to join in the recognition of his ministry.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 13th day of March 2003.